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SUBJECT:R/V OREGON II CLEARANCE REQUEST, 29 APR -
25 MAY 1977

1. R/V OREGON II, A PUBLIC VESSEL OPERATED BY THE
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC
AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT
FISHERIES RESEARCH OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO. THE PURPOSE
OF THE RESEARCH IS TO CONDUCT AN ICHTHYOPLANKTON SURVEY
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LONGLINE RESEARCH SURVEY. GONADS
WILL BE EXTRACTED FROM MATURE FEMALE BLUEFIN TUNA AND
BILLFISH CAUGHT ON THE LONGLINE TO BE USED FOR A
FECUNDITY STUDY. OBSERVATIONS WILL BE MADE OF SEX RATIO
AND SIZE DISTRIBUTION. SOME BILLFISH MAY BE TAGGED AND
RELEASED. ICHTHYOPLANKTON WILL BE COLLECTED FOR DISTRIBUTION AND POPULATION STUDIES.

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2. A LONGLINE CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 500 HOOKS
SPACED 90 FT. APART WILL BE SET IN THE EARLY MORNING AND
BROUGHT IN ABOUT MID-AFTERNOON. A TOTAL OF ABOUT 15 SETS
WILL BE MADE. BONGO NETS AND NEUSTON NETS WILL BE TOWED
BEFORE AND AFTER EACH SET AND AT PRESCRIBED STATIONS
ALONG THE TRACK.

3. THE CHIEF SCIENTISTS ARE RAYMOND BAGLIN AND
THOMAS POTTHOFF, BOTH OF NMFS. CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL
IS R. ADAMS WITH A CREW OF 16 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF
6. SHIP IS 703 GROSS TONS, 170 FT. LONG WITH A 14 FT.
DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WTDO.

4. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO GOM PARTICIPANTS AND
ALL DATA WILL BE SHARED.

5. A COPY OF THE SHIP TRACK WHICH INCLUDES STATION
LOCATIONS IS BEING POUCHED.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR
R/V OREGON II TO CONDUCT FISHERIES RESEARCH IN MEXICAN
WATERS FOR PERIOD 29 APR - 25 MAY 1977. FYI CRITERIA
ON WHICH CLEARANCE REQUEST IS BASED IS CONSISTENT WITH
REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING FISHERIES RESEARCH IN THE
US 200 MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE, SPECIFICALLY

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